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UNITED STATES ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR

April 15, 1963

*Noted by DCI.
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Dear John:

I have your letter of the 12th of April and am entirely in accord with your suggestion concerning the reference to CIA in the various public statements made.

I can understand the difficulties with the press in view of your historic position and we will try not to add to those difficulties.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Bill

William C. Foster

The Honorable
John A. McCone,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency.

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Dear Bill:

I note an article in the April 11th issue of the Washington Star dealing with the AEC probe into Adrian Fisher's statement on an enhanced radiation device. You are quoted as stating that the language of Adrian's letter was made available for clearance to representatives of AEC, DOD and CIA and no objection was raised.

As a matter of fact, clearance was not requested of CIA. Adrian did send Pete Scoville a copy of the letter on March 12 and, in the transmittal communication which was addressed to McGeorge Bundy, stated that he, Fisher, would send the proposed letter to Senator Dodd "after obtaining the necessary clearances."

No request was made for clearance from CIA.

I am not making this an issue because there is absolutely no reason for Adrian to seek CIA clearance on this letter and if he had done so we would have said the substance of the letter was beyond our competence. However the fact that you indicate that we gave clearance has caused certain representatives of the press to call me asking for confirmation or denial just as they did in the recent matter which was the subject of a telephone conversation between you and me.

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and Disarmament Agency*

Since I am determined to keep out of the controversy, and certain members of the press are determined to draw me into it, I urge you to avoid references to CIA but, when doing so is necessary, then only after receiving clearance from my office.

I am sure you will appreciate that this is a rather sensitive area for me because so many people know of my historic position and they would like nothing better than to get me in the middle.

Sincerely,

SIGNED:

John A. McCone
Director

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The Honorable William C. Foster *card*
Director, U. S. Arms Control and
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